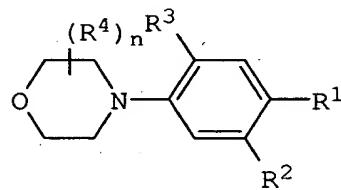


IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently amended) A compound having a formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

n is an integer 0 through 2;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, N(R^h)₂, OR^h, carboxy, nitro, cyano, CHO, carboxamide, thiocarboxamide, R^aC(=O), trifluoromethyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl;

R² is OH; or

R¹ and R² are taken together with the carbon atoms to which each is attached to form a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered unsaturated or partially saturated ring, wherein 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms of R¹ and R² optionally are a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, and P, said ring optionally substituted with one or more =O, =S, =NH, OR^h, N(R^h)₂, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl, said nitrogen or phosphorus heteroatom optionally substituted with a group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, alkyl, alkyl substituted with R^aC(=O), and R^aC(=O);

R^3 , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulfonamido, sulfamyl, sulfonyl chloride, and sulfo;

wherein R^a is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, and substituted heterocycloalkyl;

wherein R^h , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

R^4 , independently, is selected from the group consisting of OR^h , alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl;

and wherein cycloalkyl is a nonaromatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having three to six carbon atoms;

heterocycloalkyl is a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic nonaromatic partially unsaturated or saturated ring system having 3 to 10 members and having one to four heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur;

heteroaryl is a cyclic aromatic ring system having five- to ten-ring atoms, wherein one- to four-ring atoms independently are selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur, and the remaining ring atoms are carbon;

substituted alkyl is an alkyl group having a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, $N(R^h)_2$, OR^h , SR^h , sulfoxide, sulfonyl, halo,

$R^aC(=O)$, carboxy, hydrazino, hydrazone, and hydroxy-amino;

substituted aryl is an aryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl;

substituted heteroaryl is a heteroaryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl; and

substituted heterocycloalkyl is a heterocycloalkyl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl.

39. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 38 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of -H, -OH, -NH₂, -CH₂OH, -C≡N, -(CO)-N(R^h)₂, -(CO)-OH, -(CO)-O-CH₃, -(CO)-CF₃, -(CO)H, -NO₂, -(CO)-alkyl, -(CO)-substituted alkyl, -(CO)-aryl, -(CO)-substituted aryl, -(CO)-heteroaryl, and -(CO)-CH₂-N(R^h)₂.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously amended) A compound having a formula

